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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A composite material comprising:

a first component which is a phosphate of a metal selected from the group consisting of:

Fe, V, Mn, and combinations thereof; and

a second component which is selected from the group consisting of: metal nitrides, metal oxynitrides, and combinations thereof.

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2. (Original) The material of claim 1, wherein said metal phosphate is a lithiated metal phosphate.

3. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein said first component comprises a core and said second component is present on at least a portion of the surface of said core.

4. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein said second component is disposed in at least a portion of the bulk of said first component.

5-6 (Canceled)

7. (Original) The composite material of claim 1, wherein said first component has an olivine or nasicon structure.